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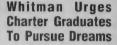


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uled for July 11. The ballot question would ask Borough voters whether they want to approve a dedicated annual tax of 2 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation, money that will be used to acquire, develop and maintain open space for recreation or Trenton sundup...10 Weddin, ......23 



Peter Yianilos, president of the Princeton Charter School Board of Trustees, introduced the keynote speaker at the school's first eighthgrade graduation ceremony on June 16, with these words: "Long after we've forgotten your other important work, children and par-ents will remember that you were the state's chief supporter of public education and of charter schools."

Then New Jersey Governor Christine Todd Whitman stepped up to the microphone. "This is a very special day for this school — your first graduation ceremony, and a very special day for these gradu-ates — your last time here as stu-dents," she said. "Today we celebrate dreams come true - the dream that created this school and the dreams of all those who are graduating today - that this day would really come."

The governor added, "This day is the manifestation of the dreams of a lot of people. Now you will have a chance to realize your own dreams. I trust each of you has dreams of going to college, followed by gradu-ate school or the job market; and I trust you will have the tools because of the Charter School." She praised Charter School stu-dents' achievements in math and reading, as well as the school's cross-country, track, and basketball teams

Twenty students proceeded to the podium to receive their diplomas

# **Borough Voters May Be Asked** If They Want Open Space Tax Borough Council was expected at its Tuesday night, June 20 meeting to begin the process of placing an

conservation purposes; historic preservation; and related debt service.

The Princeton Environmental Commission and Friends of Prince-ton Open Space have encouraged Council to move toward such a tax citing the opportunity to leverage state and county money for land acquisition, development, and historic ervation. pre

The Princeton Public Library may

temporarily re-locate its operations to the Valley Road Building, a former school at 369 Witherspoon

Street that is owned by the Prince ton Regional district.

Mayor Marvin Reed said that having an open space tax would qualify the Borough for county and state intinued on Page 40

Municipal offices now occupy the Valley Road site, along with the school district's administrative offic-es, and the Corner House social

Library and School Boards Explore Relocation

GUBERNATORIAL GREETING: Governor Christine Whitm Charter School before graduation ceremonies on June 16.

es, and the Conter House social services agency. Once construction has been com-pleted on a new Township munici-pal building, the municipality will vacate its offices, and the space could be available for the library. Corner House will stay

According to Frank Strasburger, chair of the school board's facilities committee, the library's preferred temporary location during construc-tion of a new library would be the Valley Road site. Mr. Strasburger reported to the

board of education at its meeting of June 20, that committee members have met twice with representatives of the library board to explore

The library is committed to staying at its present site for the long

Of Library to Valley Road During Construction term, according to Library Director Leslie Burger. It is, however, very much interested in the possibility of moving into Valley Road while a new library is being built. The Hillier Group, the architec-

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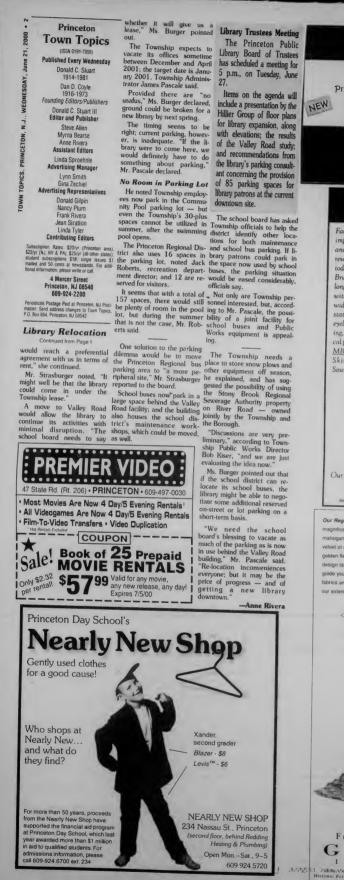
tural firm designing the new library, has engaged mechanical and struc-tural engineers to determine whether the Valley Road structure could bear the weight of the branch engineers library's collection.

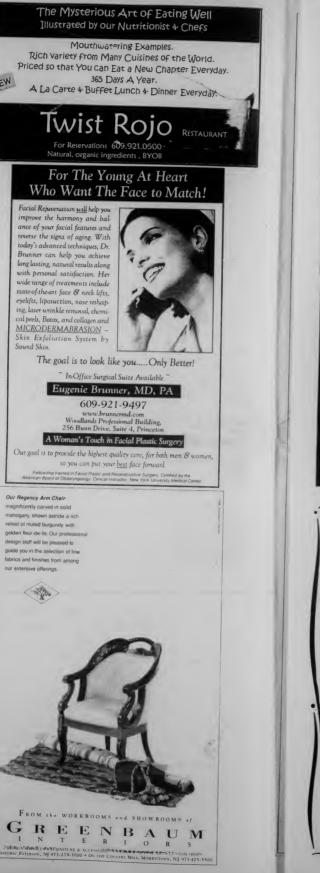
Ms. Burger said results of the Val-ley Road study will be discussed at the library board of trustees meet-ing on June 27.

"Right now, though, I can tell you, it looks as though the building can support a sufficient quantity of the library's collections, so it would not be a problem," she said.

"I assume — although I don't know — that the school board Page 2











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# **TRENTON ROUNDUP**

## Bear Hunting Ban

The Senate Environment Committee last week released a bill that would ban b hunting in the state. Reed Gusciora (D.-Princeton) is the sponsor of a similar bill in

The bill bans both open season on bears, as well as hunting by permit. It includes provision for \$95,000 in funding for the NJ Division of Fish and Wildlife to develop a plat to reduce the black bear population, by a means other than hunting. The ban is bitterly opposed by wildlife management officials who want to keep th state's growing bear population within the range of 250 to 330 bears, which, they say, is all the state can support.

all the source can support. Last year, the NJ wildlife control unit received 1,660 complaints about bears. The Fis and Game Council wants to resume bear hunting this fall for the first time in thre

### **Clarifying Truck Limits**

Chargy ing Truck Limits During the past two weeks the NJ Department of Transportation has put up about 200 signs marking the roads that are off limits to 102-inch-wide trucks, as well as those where they are permitted. About 30 more signs will be erected during the next few days. In May, state troopers began issuing tickets to truck drivers caught violating Governor Christine Whitman's order, issued last summer, barring large trucks from local roads. That order restricts the trucks to a national network of highways unless they are making local pickups or deliveries. The NJ Turnpike, Atlantic City Expressway, and all interstate highways belong to the network.

highways belong to the network. Vlolations carry a penality of \$400. The new signs depict a truck bearing the number "102" on the back. On roads that are off limits to trucks, the image is circled in red, and there is a slash through it. Where trucks are permitted, there is no slash and the circle is

### Muslim Dietary Law

Musilim Dietary Law New Jersey may soon be the first state in the nation to enact a law regulating the sale of food prepared under Muslim dietary laws. The legislation — which passed the state Assembly and the Senate unanimously — would put New Jersey at the head of efforts to place Islam on an equal legal footing with Christianity and Judaism. Yousel Kosht, an activist in the NJ Muslim community of more than 300,000 statewide, told the Star-Ledger of Newark he hopes the legislation will lead to further laws regulating all products that might be unclean to Muslims. These include shampoos and cosmetics that may be made with pork byproducts, he said. The bill, which now heads to Governor Christine Whitman for her signature, offers protection from pricing fraud by enacting penalties. It requires producers to follow halal strictures, taken from the Koran and based on dietary laws from the Hebrew bible.

### \$900,000 Beach Restoration

5900,000 Beach Restoration The NJ House of Representatives' Appropriations Committee has approved almost \$900,000 for two ongoing Jersey Shore beach restoration projects. The money will pay for projects on shores along Long Beach Island and the Seaside areas. A full House vote is scheduled for sometime this week, according to Rep Jim Saxton (R-Mount Holly) who requested the funding. The beaches need to be restored, Mr. Saxton said, because of damage and erosion sustained during three big storms in the early 1900s. The measure is expected to be approved by the full House, after which it will make its way to the Senate. If the measure passes, a sum of \$218,000 would also be set aside to study ways in which coastal ecosystems can be restored.





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### Local Man's Nap Is Interrupted By DWI, Drug Arrest

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During the search, Officer Sutter found a hypodermic needle in Durham's jacket pocket. Another hypodermic needle containing suspected dle containing suspected oin and a plastic bag conheroin and a plastic bag con-taining suspected heroin were found on the ground outside of the car. A passenger in the car. Alphonso West, 46, of Pennsylvania, admitted throwing these items out of the car during the stop.

Spirit of Princeton Plans Big Fireworks Show for July 1 The skies will be ablaze Saturday night, July 1 when Spirti of Princeton presents its third annual Fourth of July Fireworks. The show will begin at approximately 9 p.m. on the Princeton University playing fields along Washington Road. Rain date is Sunday, July 2. The show will last between a half hour and 45 minutes, said Ray Wadsworth, a member of Spirit of Princeton. "We're going to have \$5,000 more in fireworks this year because it's 2000. It's going to be a nice show," he said. The fireworks will be accompanied by recorded patriotic music.

Parking will be available in the Princeton University lots at Jadwin Gym and in Lot 25 on Washington Road, between Ivy Lare and Faculty Road. For information on handicapped parking, call Mr. Wadsworth at 683-4008. As in past years, West Windsor police will close Wash-ington Road between Route 1 and Faculty Road from approximately 8 to 10 p.m. Lighting after the show will be provided by the Princeton and West Windsor fire companies and First Aid Squads to help people walk back safely.

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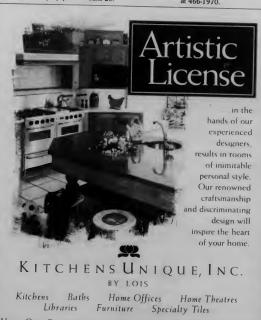




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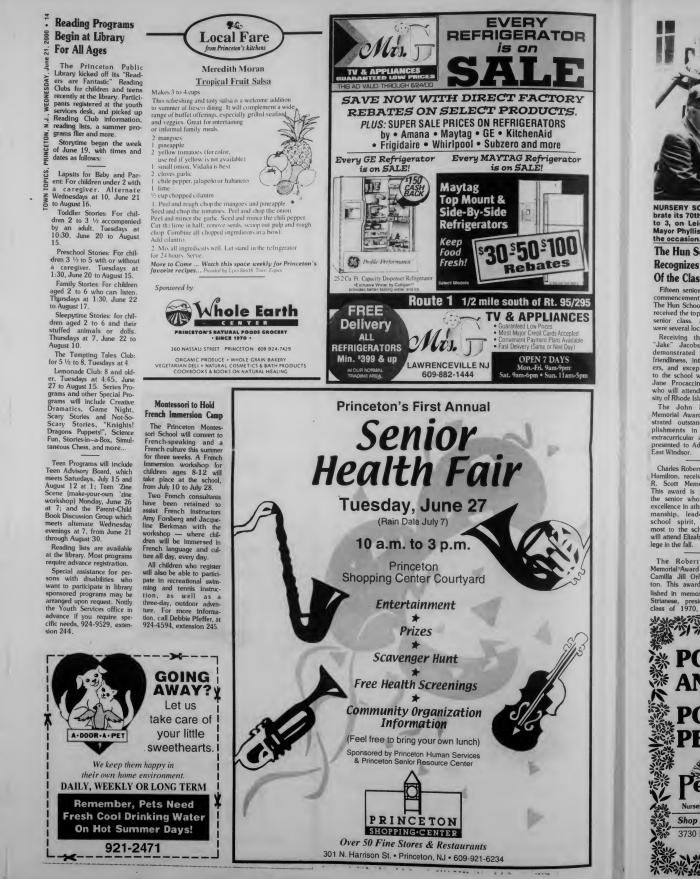


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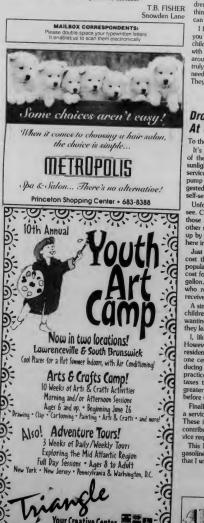
### Appointed Officials Can't Pass Laws; Smoking Ban Won't Survive Review To the Editor of Town Topics:

i an delighted that the outrageous no-smoking ordinance in the Princetons is about to be tested in court. I cannot believe it could survive judicial review. There are two com-pelling reasons why it must be overturned.

Pelling reasons why it must be overturned. The first is that no level of government in this country in authorized to redesign the lifestyle of its citizens by taking away their right to make their own decisions. How, in a free country, can anybody be told that he is not allowed to set up a bar or restaurant and cater to smokers if he so desires? That is a decision that should be left to the proprietor and to the free market, as long as it is a legal activity. Clearly it tobacco products are heavily taxed. The second reason, is even more important. Have we

tobacco products are heavily taxed. The second reason is even more important. Have we forgotten about our basic separation of powers to the extent that an appointed board can usurp the legislative authority? If this ordinance stands, think of the terrible precedent that would set! Laws are to be passed only by duly elected legislators, never by appointed officials. This all has its roots in Clinton's rape of the tobacco industry when he used class action lawsuits to raise taxes without going to Congress and to reward his trial lawyer supporters at the same time. It has nothing to do with health or safety. If it works, gun makers will be next (the propaganda has already begun), followed by the liquor industry, and then any other he can demonize, such as fast food.

It is all about your freedom and your property rights, friends. It is time to look beyond the surface.



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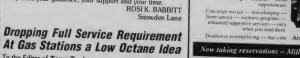
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To the Editor of Town Topics:

To the Editor of **Town Topics:** It's spring in New Jersey, and along with the flowers, one of the perennial ill-adviced ideas poling its way into the sunlight is the notion that our state should drop lis full service requirement for age stations and require people to pump their own like the people in other states. It is sug-gested that in return for allowing us the dubious pleasure of self-service, gasoline prices would be reduced. Unfortunately, this is a bargain the consumer will never see. Currently prices in New Jersey are equal to or less than those of border states who have the self-service option. In other states, initial savings were almost immediately gobbied up by increased state taxes, a scenario likely to be followed here in New Jersey.

up by increased state taxes, a scenario likely to be followed here in New Jersey. Just as big a concern for me is the increased burden and cost this plan would impose on our elderly and disabled population. In those states where full-service is optional, the cost for that service is invariably 5 cents higher or more per gallon. Why should we force senior citizens and the disabled who require such help to pay a penaity when they now receive the same service as everyone else at the same price? A similar situation is posed by a parent driving with young children in the car. Should we penalize him or her for not wanting to leave their children alone in an automobile while they leave to pay their pump bill. I, like many others, would like to see lower gas prices. However, let us not fool ourselves that requiring New Jersey residents to pump their own gas will reduce the cost of gas one cent. The real villanis of this situation are the of gas one cent. The real villanis of this situation are the federal taxes that each pile on to force prices higher. We need greater efforts at the federal level to address these factors before we can see lower gasoline prices. Thally, this legislation gives us no valid reason to give up estimations who artificially level to address these factors

before we can see lower gasoline prices. Finally, this legislation gives us no valid reason to give up a service that employs up to 200,000 attendants state-wide. These individuals are supporting families, paying taxes and contributing to their community. By eliminating the full ser-vice requirement, we also eliminate their jobs. This legislation is such a low-octane idea that, if it were gasoline, we would never allow it near our car, it is a bill that I will oppose when it comes before the Senare.

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# Technology Will Make Books Obsolete; Why Spend \$20 Million on New Library?

To the Editor of Town Topics: To follow up several previous letters I have written about building the new library on the site of the present Township and school board building on lower Witherspoon Street [I had over 50 phone calls supporting this, one against]. I have a larger viewpoint to share:

had over 50 phone calls supporting this, one against). I have a larger viewpoint to share: First, a new, larger library with more parking will com-pound our problems. Do we really want to take this step to further transform downtown Princeton into down-city Prince-ton? Our traffic worsens almost daily. Now higher parking fees are about to be imposed for perhaps \$100,000 in Borough income, which is peanuts in the long run, while being detrimental to the merchants. Second, I seriously question the need for a larger library. A revolution is taking place in electronic publishing. A June 4th New York Times magazine article makes a believable case about the future of books as we know them. Tradition-alists will say electronic books will never replace books we now know. It took a second article on June 11th to con-vince me it is going to hoppen. The first author, Jacob Weisberg, predicted hostility to these new electronic book notions just as "medieval clerics greeted printed books as impostor Illuminated manuscripts — aesthetically inferior, texturally unreliable." He notes that the Rocketbook, "which has the heff of a folded-over paperback, is a portable screen that displays a single page at a time" but says this will soon took primitive. He concludes "appropriate technology (the book) now stands on the brink of improvement..readers and writers alike will be richer for the access they will gain...Ive read more this past year simply because my e-book has made doing so more convenient."

But then on June 11th, Alan Burdick writes of the incredi-ble technology about to be thrust upon us — electronic paper! Paper saturated with microscopic electronic devices that permits even wireless transmission of content to clearly write itself on the paper with "e-ink." Underline, store, do whatever (and better than with a normal book), and after reading one book, you can call up another from the volumi-nous library stores in the cybernemory. It's infinitely changeable and is, as physicist Joe Jacobson says, "the Last Book because it may be the last one you'll ever need!" Incredibly, the article even talks of themes.

Book because it may be the last one you'll ever need!" Incredibly, the article even talks of having a "traditional" messpaper in hand which is reprinted every day on the same electronic paper. Such technology, ease of use, flexible in size, Is literally just a few years away. I recognize the library board and consultants must be aware of what is coming. How, then, can a \$17-\$20 million new building be justified when the current library might be renovated to accommodate a new technology center with a lot of space made available as thousands of books of histori-cal value stored elsewhere to be studied or withdrawn from time-to-time?

Cal value softed elsewhere to be studied or withdrawn from time-to-time? Millions of dolars would be saved, construction inconve-nences eliminated. To encourage people — not cars — to come in for shopping and electronic library use, have park-ing areas away from downtown and use a series of hineys constantly on the run throughout town. Something has to be done about traffic and parking, and this can be the begin-ning of some creative answers.

Interestingly, the New York Stock Exchange has been planning a \$640 million new headquarters in Manhattan. Now, just this past week, serious doubts have arisen as to the need, as already over 30 percent of all trading is done on the Internet. It's a different world needing visionary

thinking. I was interested to see this week that Dorothy Koehn, who lives in the Borough and who I do not know, was in some part encouraged by my views about the right place for a anger library and has tossed her hat in the ring as an independent to run for Borough Council. She says her per-sonal exit poll at the library found a great deal of support (and she can walk to the present library but makes a strong case for the lower Witherspoon site). The dheur of the library found the library found the library the lower witherspoon site).

case for the lower Witherspron site). The delays of many years getting to where the library board and governments have arrived may be a Godsend. The technology of today and iomorrow was virtually incon-central to the second second second second second second to the second second second second second second and be reshaped to utilize the revolution in information where it is to the second to the second second second second second second the second the second second second second second second second the second seco





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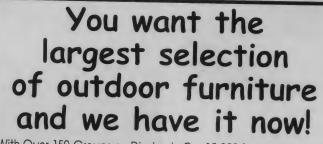
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# **Ceasefire New Jersey Should Recognize** That NRA Is at Forefront of Gun Safety

**Inat WHA is at Forefront of Gun Safety** To the Editor of **Town Topics**: Jodi Tolman (TOWN TOPICS, June 7] writes that the "gun violence prevention movement" contains ironies, asserting that NRA members "ally themselves with ... crimi-nals" instead of supporting legislation that her group, Ceasefire New Jersey, favors. But she then unwittingly cites the real irony: that legitimate and responsible gun owners outpoints the legitimate and responsible gun owners or hidren missue guns. That is indeed "incongruity between what might be expected and what actually occurs." A paroled or furloughed career criminal obtains a gun illegally and holds up a store, and somehow the NRA is guilty of complicity. A felon llegally buys a stolen or smuggled gun, purchasers.

purchasers. Ms. Tolman says that if all gun owners were conscien-tious, there wouldn't be problems. I agree. If the paroled thug who skipped out on his pality bail for armed robbery had been conscientious with his illegally obtained gun, he wouldn't have lined five people up in that Wendy's in Queens and shot them all in the head. If we had what the NRA supports — severe, swift, and certain punishment for violent crimes — that hoodium wouldn't have had a chance to commit those murders. If one of those doomed employ-ees had been armed, five innocent people might now be alive, but the City of New York has made sure that only outlaws have guns.

ees had been annee. The Infocent people might now be alive, but the City of New York has made sure that only outlaws have guns. In fact, the NRA is all for preventing criminals from buying firearms, but not by targeting law-abiding citizens. (Note: The organizer of the Several Thousand Mom March wang that you have ever tried to purchase a firearm, but you should at least experience the process: appointment at the police station, fingerprinting, forms, fees, releases, referenc-es, background checks by state police and FBI, waiting period — all the things that legitimate buyers comply with and criminals ignore. And the NRA is all for background checks to prevent mentally III people from buying guns. However, as the New

And the NRA is all for background checks to prevent mentally lill people from buying guns. However, as the New York Times reported recently, police are often barred from obtaining information that would disqualify these buyers. NRA perfdy? No, apparently "advocates" for the differently wired (or reality challenged, or whatever the current P C euphemism for nutcase) have sued to prevent access to such information, on the principle that the insane should not suffer discrimination of any kind, even in firearms purchas-es. I have urged Senators Lautenberg and Torricelli and pur a stop to this absurdity. What is Ceasefire New Jersey doing to close that "loophole," Ms Tolman? And the NRA is very much in the forefront of the aun

aoing to close that loophole, Ms Ioiman? And the NRA is very much in the forefront of the gun safety movement. Every NRA member I know carries and uses firearms safely and stores them locked or in a sale. Tens of millions of American children receive firearms safety training in NRA courses, in many states right in the public schools. How about helping us arrange such courses in the schools in Princeton. Ms. Tolman?

schools. How about helping us arrange such courses in the schools in Princeton. Ms. Tolman? The heartened that Ms. Tolman uses the term "legitimate and responsible gun owner." It implies that, whatever she thinks of the Second Amendment, she acknowledges at least some sort of right to own a firearm. However, many in her "gun violence prevention movement" recognize no such right and are quite candid about their true agenda: total disartmament of the American citizenry. I know some of these people. I even like some of them personally. Many are sincere and well-intentioned, but they do look forward to the day when the police conduct Operation Search-and-Confiscate in every dwelling in America. Until then, they will grab at any firearms restriction they can get, claiming that all they want is "common-sense gun law.". Well, Jodd, now that I have changed your mind, can I send you a bumper sticker that reads, "I will give up my gun when they pry it from my cold dead fingers." Or would you prefer to have the message on a bet buckle?

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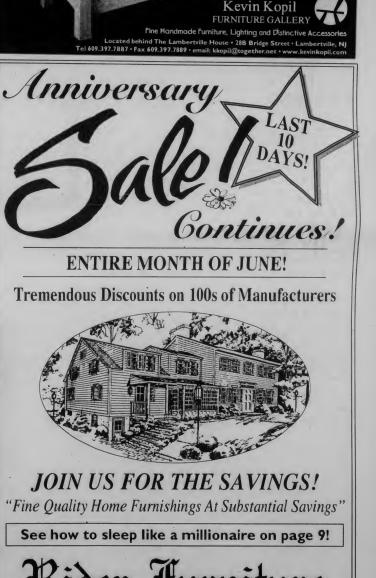
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Friday, June 23 7 p.m.: Annual Fire Depart-ment Parade and Inspection; Begins at Chestnut Street and proceeds down Nassau Street to Borough Hall.

Saturday, June 24 8 p.m.: Opera Festival opening night, Verdi's Fal-staff; McCarter Theatre. 8 p.m.: Summer conce Broadside Electric; Sto Broak Coffeehouse, Hopey 8-11 p.m.: Princeton Coun-try Dancers, Suzanne Pater-son Center, Monument Drive (behind Borough Hall).

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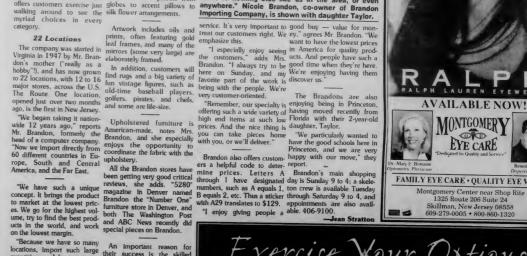
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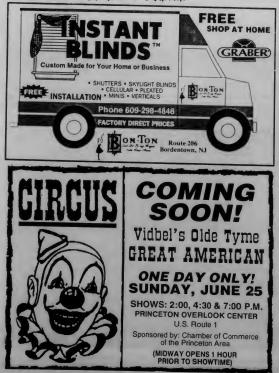
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The "happy ending" to the Charter School story, to which Mr. Ylanilos referred, n refer to Governor Christine Whitman's promise of state funding for charter schools the 2000-2001 school year. The benefit to Princeton Regional — along with other districts — is that their chart school contributions will decrease, allowing them to develop more flexible budgets. According to legislative sources, the New Jersey state budget includes mor charter schools as part of a Council on Local Mandates Relief Fund.

### **Funding History**

O n May 11, the Council on Local Mandates, ruled that regulations governing loo school district payments to charter schools, constituted an illegal financial burd on the schools.

The original Charter School Program Act of 1995 required school districts to pay lirectly to the charter school "90 percent of the local levy budget per pupil for the pecific grade level in the district."

Regulations issued later — In 1997 — gave school districts a choice — to transfer either 90 percent of the state's maximum T&E ("thorough and efficient") amount per pupil, or 90 percent of the program budget per pupil, whichever was lower. The T&E amount is determined by the state; it is the amount needed to provide a "thorough and efficient" education, according to Education Department standards.

Princeton Regional's program budget per pupil is approximately \$10,000; while thate's T&E amount per pupil is about \$7,800.

In 1998, charter school regulations were amended again, defining "local levy budg per pupil" as the district's program budget per pupil, consistent with the original Chart School Act.

The decision of the Council on Local Mandates overturned the 1998 amendmen making 90 percent of the T&E amount — or the lower figure — the standard once again There is no appeal from a Council decision.

#### **Charter School Deficit**

The ruling, of course, left charter schools with a default. In order to offset the deficit, the Education Department has made direct deposits into charter school bank accounts across the state.

At the same time, members of both the state Senate and the Assembly have scrambl o enact bills that would compensate for the funding loss next year. Legislation sponsor y Sen Robert Littell (R.-Franklin, Sussex County) passed the Senate Education Comm ee unanimously and now goes to the full Senate.

The bill calls for the state to make up the difference in cases where 90 percent of per-pupil spending is more than 90 percent of the T&E amount — as in Princeton. A similar bill, sponsored by Representatives Richard Bagger (R.-Westfield) and Josep Doria (D.-Bayonne) was recently introduced in the Assembly.

The legislation must be approved quickly — by June 30, if the 14 charter school scheduled to open in the fall are to draw up realistic budgets, and if existing schools are

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to make long-term plans. There is, however, a distinct possibility that the governor — having committed funds from the state budget for the 2000-2001 academic year — may conditionally veto the measure, according to sources close to the process. The governor's pledge of state funds, in fact, makes legislation almost most for the next academic year. Included in the legislation is a requirement that the state commissioner of education conduct an evaluative study of the schools and issue a report by October. According to the original Charter School Act, no reports were to be required for at least five years. Reporting — based on state-wide hearings — would be almost impossible to accomplish by October.

The governor's pledge to fund charter schools for 2000-2001, would take pre the Legislature to pass immediate legislation. On the other hand, if the govern veto the measure, the legislation could die before lawmakers return in the fall.

Sources insist that comprehensive funding legislation is imperative, as the gos pledge will provide only temporary relief. Because no one knows how many schools will eventually open in the state — or what their enrolments will be impossible, however, to predict the level of funding that will ultimately be needed.



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of 2004." "I am just delighted that so many people from the public schools came," Mr. Ytanilos commented to TOWN TOP-ICS. "People from the regional schools have been terrific; and I think we've put our difficulties behind us. You might say the Charter School story has turned out with a happy ending for everyone."

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This exhibition by eight contemporary artists is about the beauty of living things. This is nature unsullied; not a shred of techno-life creeps in. Happily, there are no red barns or covered bridges here. We are, in effect, removed to an unknown place, pristine and chaste. are to red barns or covered bridges here. We are, in effect, removed to an unknown place, pristine and chaste. Having taken nature as their subject, the artists repre-sented here are advocates for the empowering sanity of nature. They urge viewers to pause, to clear the mind, and — most importantly —to open their eyes. By shutting down the excesses of the daily round — excluding the Yada Yada — they teach us to discover by looking: until the common-place becomes simply extraordinary. Most of the exhibitors share a value system and a com-mon temperament. Particularly connected are Karen Moss — Wonderings: Joan Roth — Princeton Wood Series: Madelaine Shellaby — Rootstones; and Lori Van Houten — Earth and Air. These artists speak for the interdependency of parts within nature, as they explore its links to their art. Art borrows heavily from the vocabulary of nature — rhythm, balance, light, form, texture, pattern — and, yes, they are sometimes fragile. A number of significant works in this show play with branching effects, sometimes arcing, and frequently reaching into air and sunlight. Ms. Roth, photographer and Princeton resident, writes of Ms. Roth, photographer and sumight. Ms. Roth, photographer and Princeton resident, writes of her reverence for the woods: "The tree branches and the monkey vines go on forever." The "forever" gets a little help from her collage technique.

The sometimes-impenetrable eruption of growth is estrained by replicating and pasting, resulting in a torschach-like copy, as in *Princeton Wood Series* #1. fere, a reversed negative adds to the hypnotic illusion of rowth and renewal.

Printmaker/photographer Madelaine Shellaby writes about the way uprooted plants are linked to stones in nature's fragile chain. "Upon being uprooted, even after a good shake, plants will still ding to stones, relied on for stability." A Princeton resident, Ms. Shellaby focuses on these relation-ships in a stunning collection of glicée prints. A gardener, the transforms saved weeks into ar





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Other works — by the late Rachel bas-Cohain and Susan MacQueen — deal with nature's living tissue, with growing and renewal. Organza Boxes

s. bas-Cohain floats gauzy sculp-tural frames within a plexiglas case. According to her widower David Stone, Rachel bas-Cohain of organza boxe last year of he struggling aga cancer. Knowing thin has to see the boxes

a thread."

has to see the boxes in part as expressions of the frailty of a life that is hanging from a thread "

## He hopes, he conti He hopes, he continues, that viewers of the work "will also observe how playful it is, both with its materials and its underlying conceptual themes."

These are soft, boxy forms that resemble a fatigued bal-loon, as it gradually leaks its air. Seen from another angle, the air seems to return — and again depart — like the respiration of a living thing. This uncanny illusion is created by the material: surgically-stitched layers of silk organza and a focused control of light.

a focused control of light. The teasing muteness of Marionette's Hangout yields to the subline stillness of Nature Morte, after Giorgio Morandi. A soft construction trestle table shimmers mirage-like behind vells of silk. On the altar-like table are soft-construction Morandi bottles and other props. Ms. bas-Cohain seems to derive her color from that of vaporous white douds. In rare cases, where she chooses to use a saturated color, as she does in the Morandi piece, it is used with eloquence. In this case, a trace of eye shadow shows up as a broken, blue-green line stenciled into the fabric.

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ORGANZA BOX: Constructed during the last year of her life, Rachel bas-Cohain's "Marionette's Hangout" seems to breathe like a living thing. what is revealed or concealed.

Mat is revealed or conceased. Ms. MacQueen's other materials are bits and pieces of wire, jute, feathers, grass and wood, which have been impounded — virtually fused into — the milky scrim, like buried treasure. Like obscure pieces of evidence sealed in a glassine envelope, these humble throw-aways acquire new

Ms. MacQueen invites spectators into an ongoing investi-gation. She uses folding and tearing strategies to good advantage, creating multi-tiered resonances of near objects with more distant ones, producing an effect like the blending

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Her prints are just big enough (14 x 11") to heighten the intensity. A

heighten the intensity. A stem, capsule, pod or burr becomes larger than life. Framed against glossy ebony back-grounds, delicate, bright tendrils give each speci-men a unique silhouette. As though seeing plants for the first time, the viewer finds myriad variations, a banquet of little surprises — and

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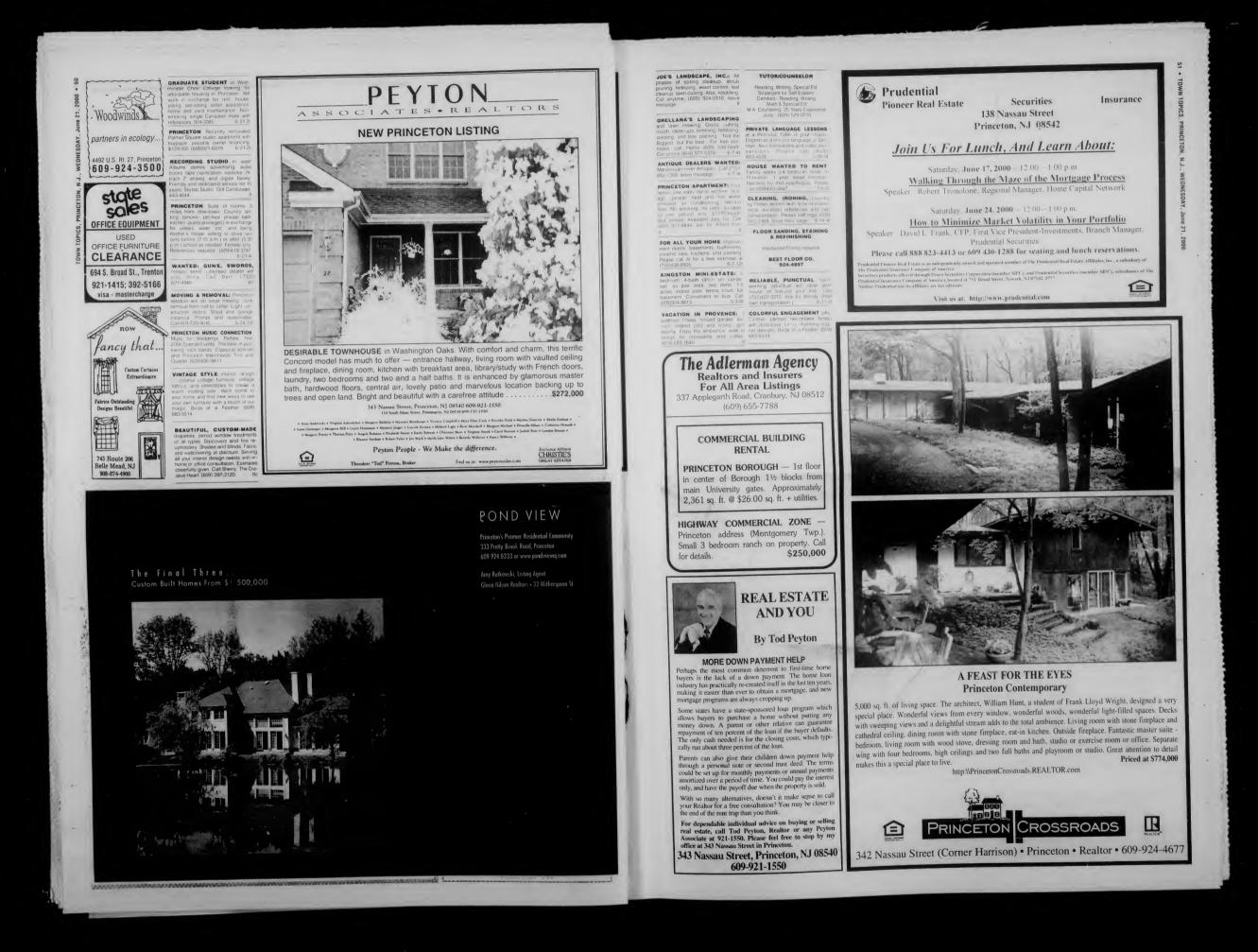
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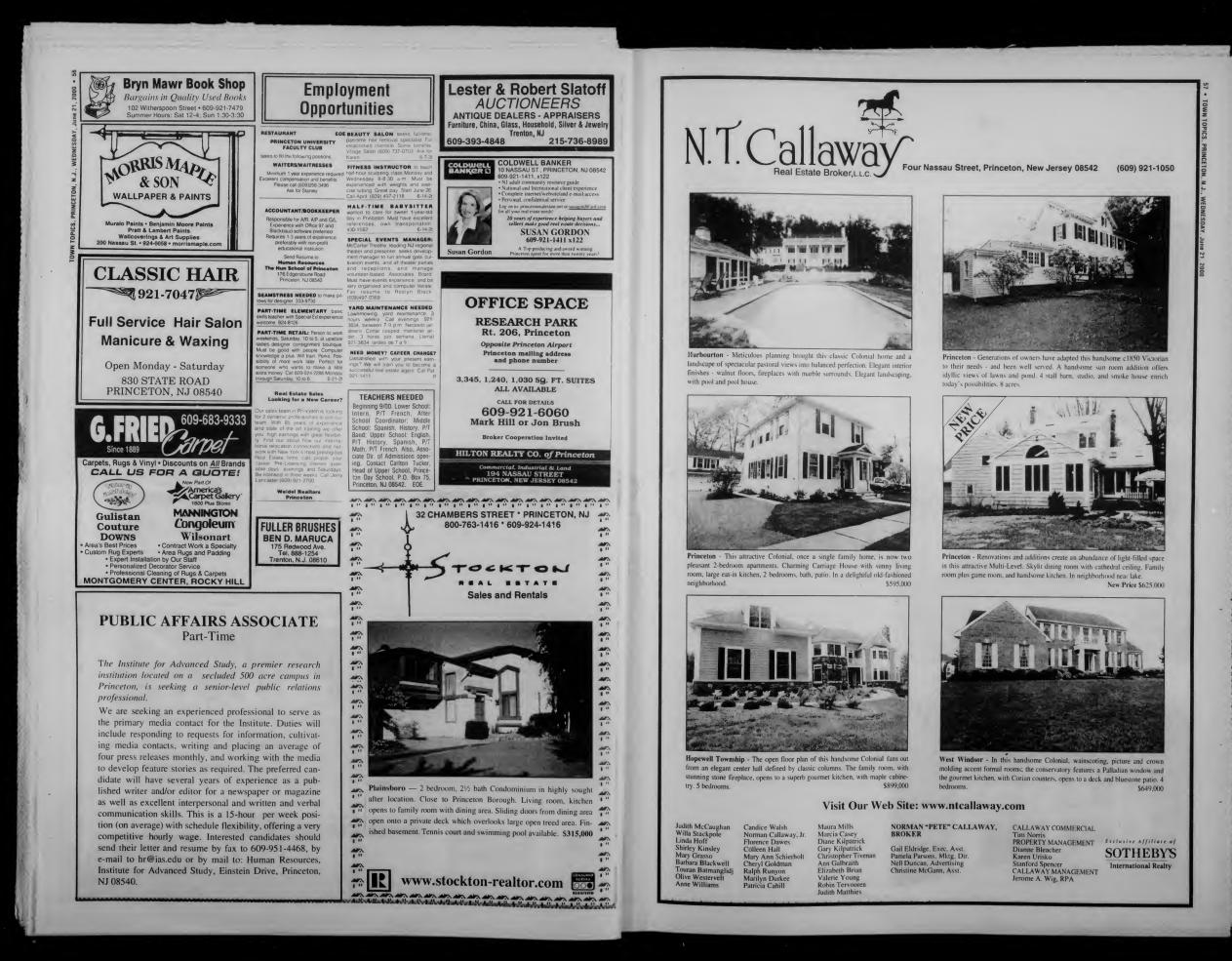


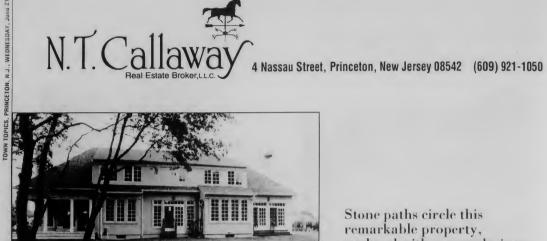














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Located near the historic Mill Pond and adjacent to superb recreational area of Montgomery Township, this four bedroom colonial offers everything you are looking for! Elegant living room and dining room have oak floors. Well placed study and family room with terrific built-ins offer plenty of space for family activities or working at home. The icing on the cake, appropriately, is the kitchen, which opens to the family room, providing a huge open space yet retaining a warm friendly feeling. A true gem of a kitchen, it has custom tile work (as do the bathrooms), white top-of-the-line cabinetry and counters, and excellent appliances. With sliding doors to the large, well-designed deck, this kitchen is truly as good as it gets. On a beautifully landscaped and large lot, you can enjoy all this, plus the highly touted Montgomery schools.

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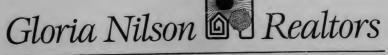
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NEW PRINCETON LISTING! What a wonderful opportunity to live in an elegant colonial situated on a gorgeous lot! As you enter this stylish home, you can easily picture yourself entertaining in the twenty-five-foot living room. Whether your guests sit near the brick fireplace or go through the French doors to congregate on the deck, the public spaces are wonderful. A formal dinner can be served in the dining room, where sophisticated wallpaper enhances the ambiance of the room. Completely renovated, the kitchen is a chef's delight and simply delightful to work in, from the giant pantry to the granite counters, and beautifully finished oak floors. This is truly a terrific kitchen! To complete the picture on the first floor is a study and a "great" Great Room! Upstairs, the master bedroom has a fireplace and there are three other bedrooms - large and having oak floors. Located in the Riverside section right near Lake Carnegie, this is a quality home on a beautiful lot. Don't miss this treasure of a house! \$839,000

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